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The English Lake Land

“THE LOVELIEST SPOT
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THE ENGLISH LAKE DISTRICT, described by Wordsworth as "the loveliest spot that man hath ever found," is a district of beautiful lakes, of wooded slopes, of waterfalls and glens, and of mountains of infinite variety and form. Its unexcelled natural beauty has attracted some of the greatest of English Litterateurs; it was the chosen home of Wordsworth, Southey, Ruskin, the Coleridges, Shelley, Mrs. Hemans, Harriett Martineau and many others of our foremost lovers of the beautiful in nature.

THIS ALBUM contains pictures of the best known and most frequented 'beauty spots,' photographed under the most favourable conditions of light and atmosphere. Twenty-two prize medals have been awarded for the artistic excellence of these views, and it is hoped that the present collection will be welcomed by all who desire a really good and artistic souvenir of the English Lakes.

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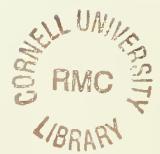
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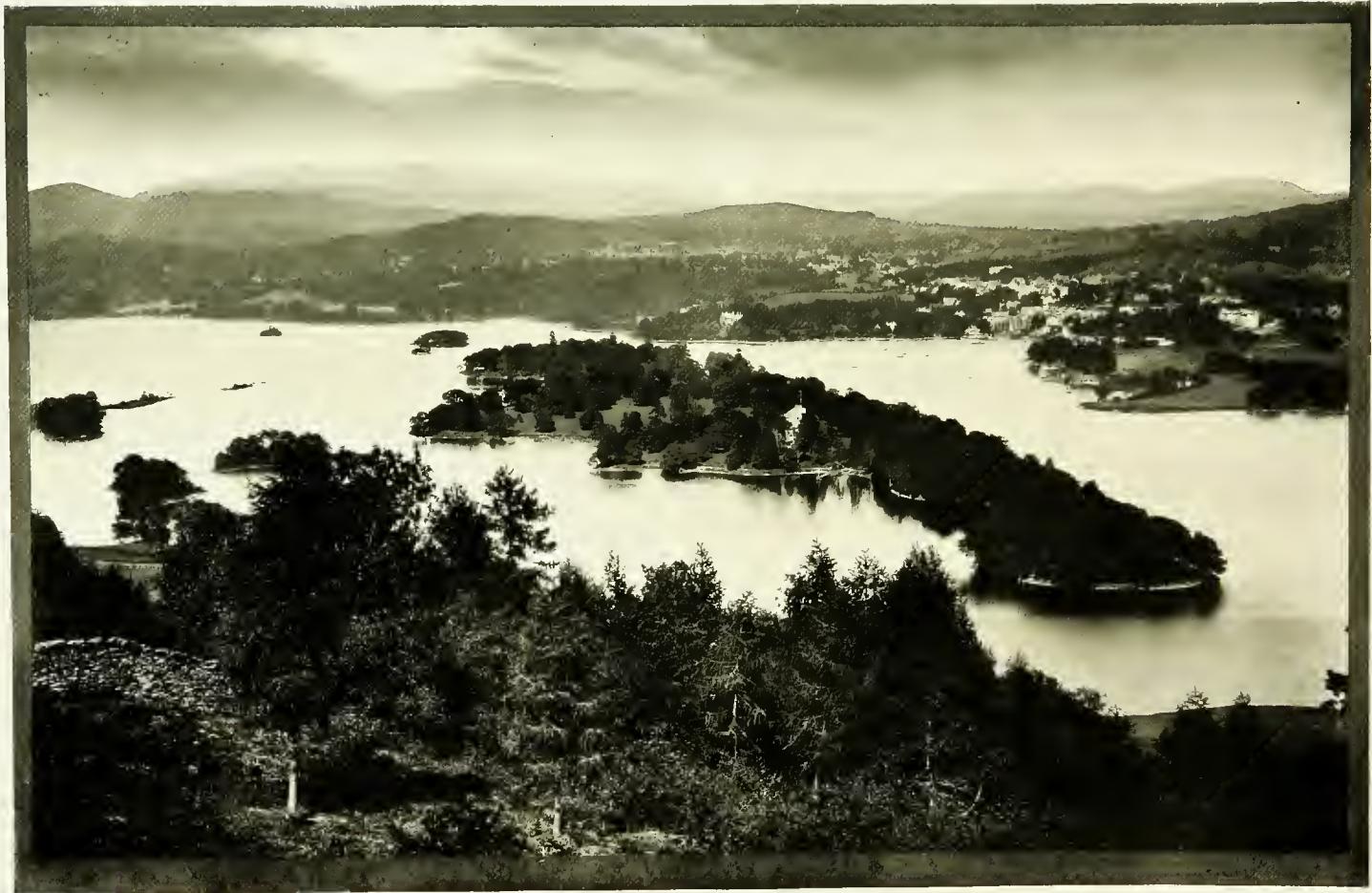
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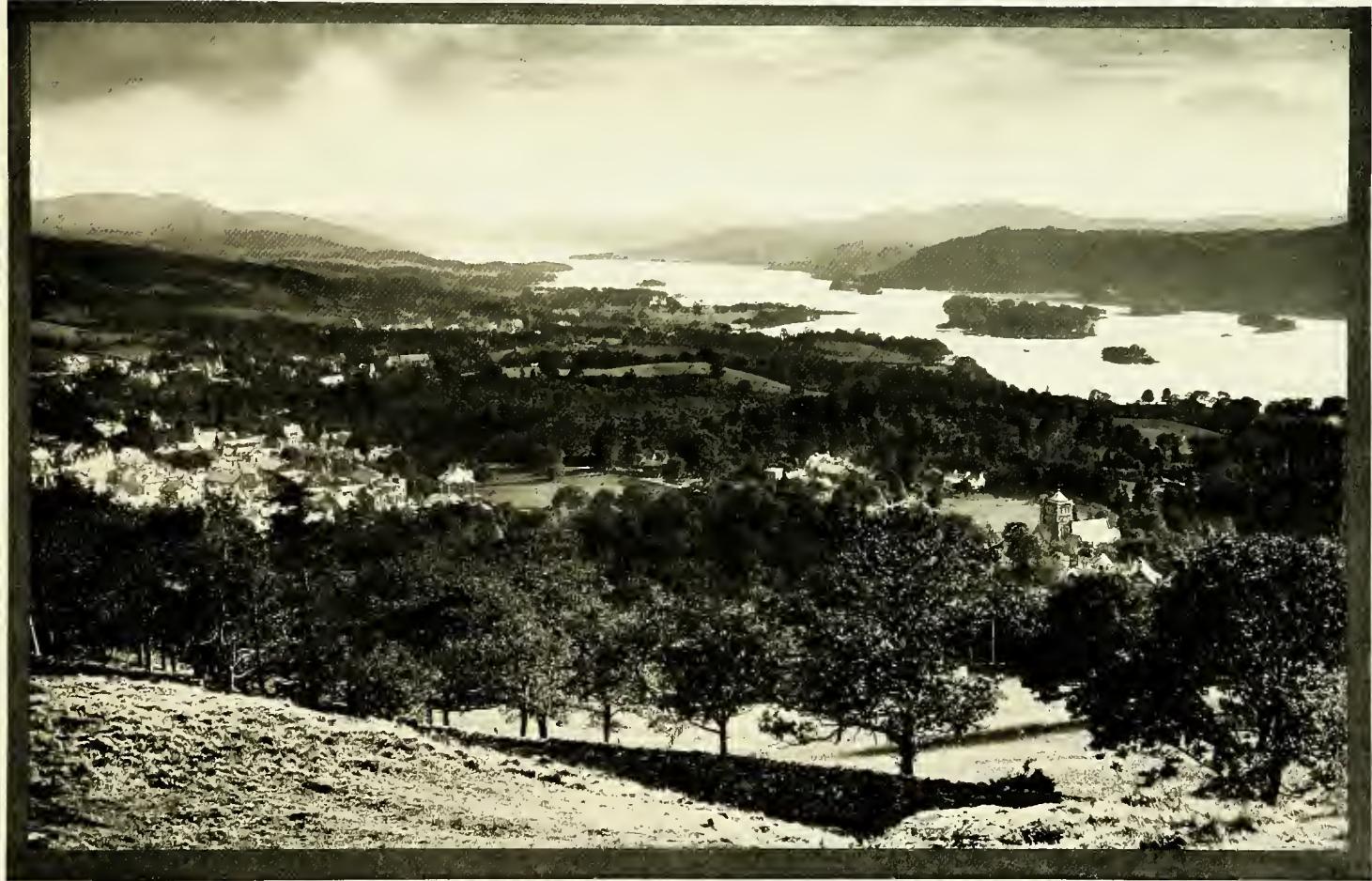
Waterhead, Windermere

In the foreground is the Furness Railway Company's steamer pier, whence passengers are landed for Ambleside, about one mile distant. The Langdale Pikes and Bowfell show to advantage in the background.



Windermere from Furness Fell

The large island is Belle Isle, Bowness being on the far shore, with the village of Windermere on the hill above.



Windermere

Looking south from Orrest Head, with Furness Fells behind, and Lake Side, the entrance to Lakeland from the south, in the far distance. On the left is the village of Windermere.



Windermere

From Low Wood, showing Bowfell and the Langdale Pikes.



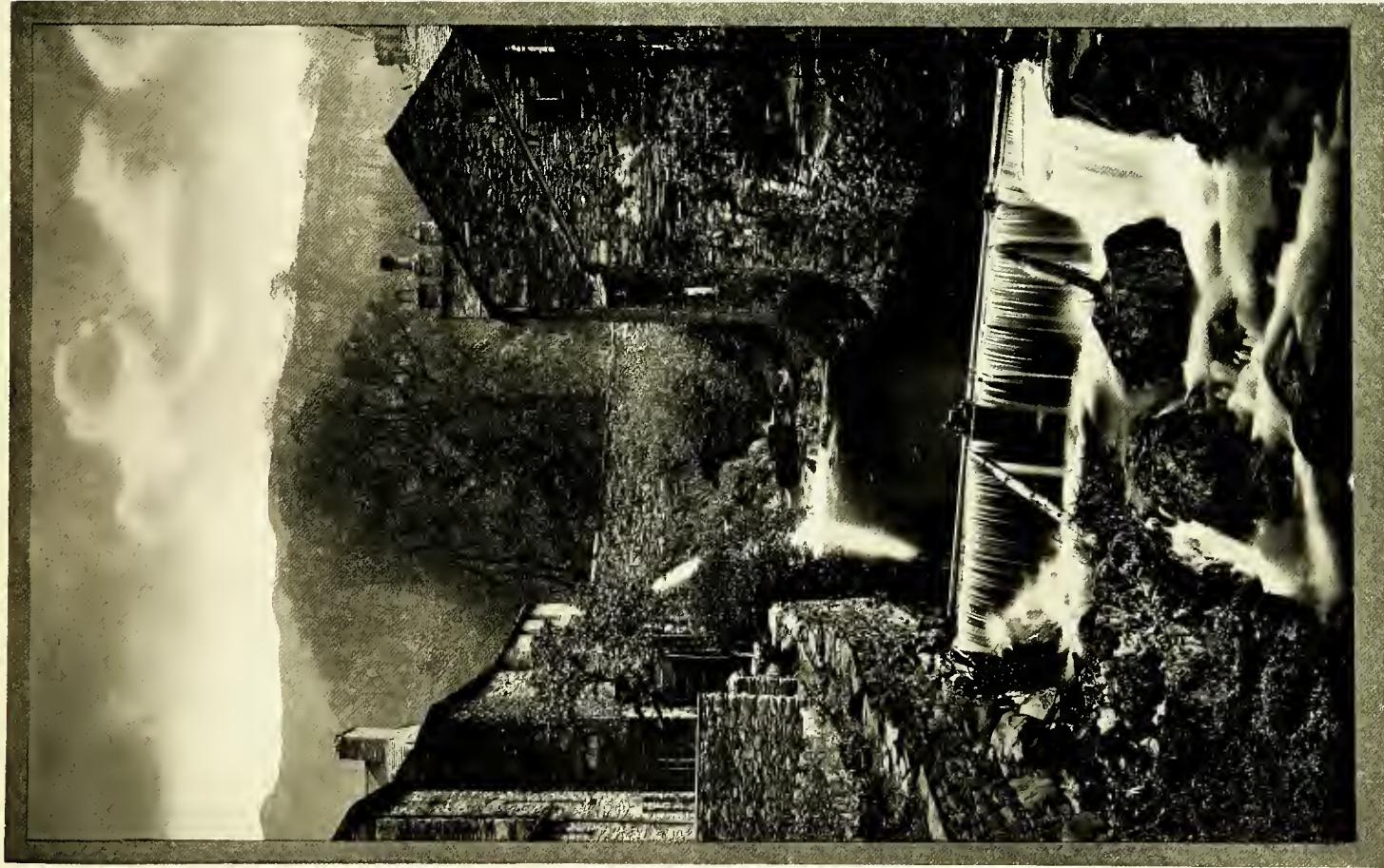
Windermere from Belle Isle

Taken on a still summer evening. The village of Bowness is on the far shore.



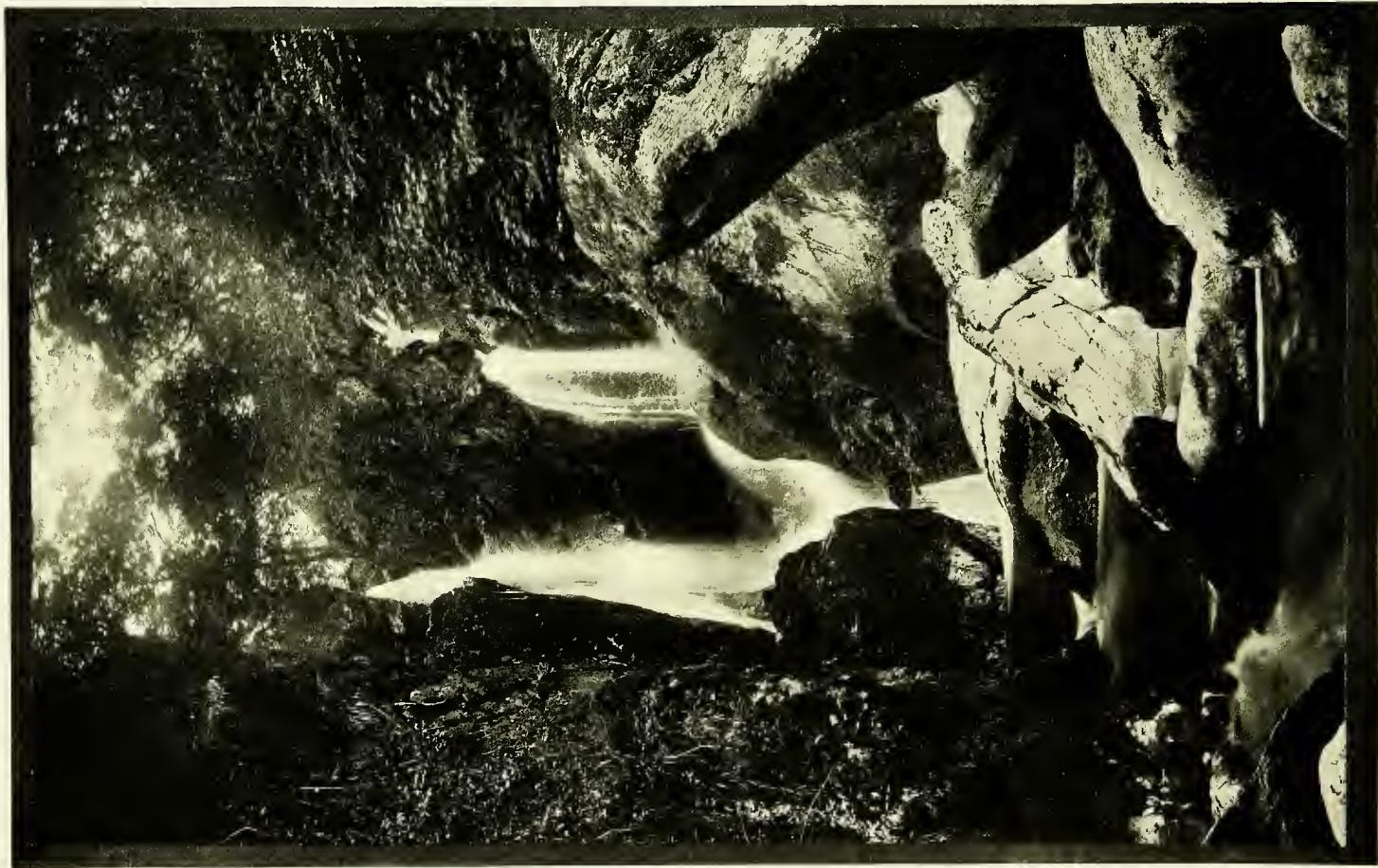
Ambleside

From the shoulder of Loughrigg, showing Wansfell Pike behind



The Old Mill, Ambleside

A quaint scene passed on entering the town from the Grasmere direction.



Stock Ghyll Force



The Kirkstone Pass

And Brothers' Water, with Place Feil; the Pass between Ambleside and Ullswater.



Coniston Lake

*And the mountain Old Man, on the breast of which is situated the village of Coniston.
The view is taken from near Brantwood, Ruskin's home.*



Coniston Water

*Taken from Beacon Crags, at the foot of the lake, and showing the entire length,
with a portion of Helvellyn in the background.*



Brantwood

*The last home of John Ruskin, on the east side of Coniston Water,
a portion of which is seen in the picture.*



The Yewdale Valley

Near Coniston, showing the Furness Railway Co.'s Coaches, on the "Outer Tour," between Ambleside and Coniston.



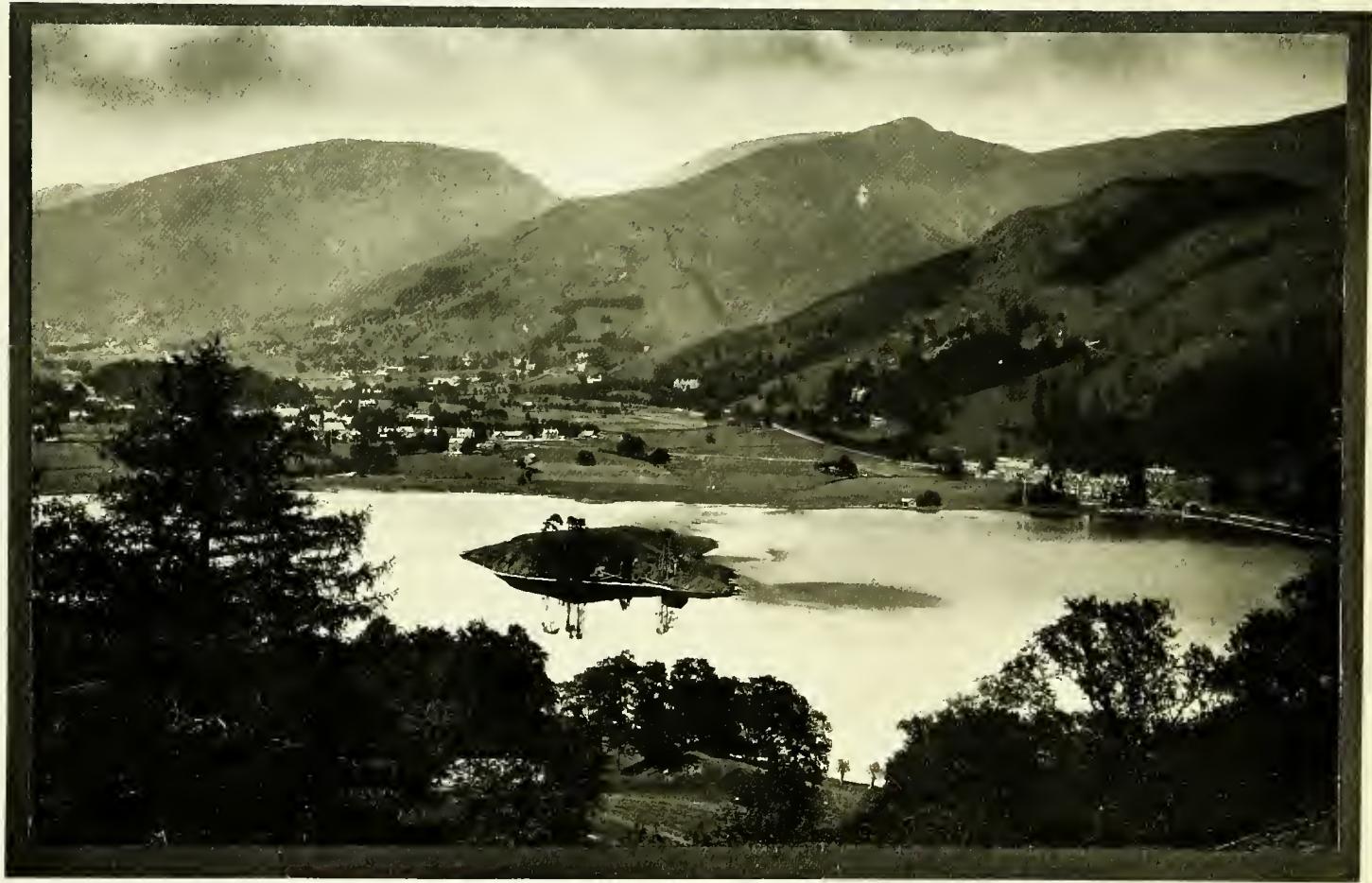
The Langdale Pikes

*And the new Dungeon Ghyll Hotel—an ideal spot amongst the mountains,
near the head of Windermere.*



Rydal Water

And Nab Scar, with Nab Cottage, Coleridge's home, across the lake.



Grasmere Lake and Village

The "Peaceful Vale" of Wordsworth, seen from Hunting Stile, with Seat Sandal and Rydal Fell behind. On the right foreshore is the Prince of Wales Hotel and the coach road to Windermere.



Grasmere

And Prince of Wales Island, at Evening.



Grasmere Church

On the banks of the Rothay. In the adjoining churchyard are the graves of Wordsworth and Coleridge.



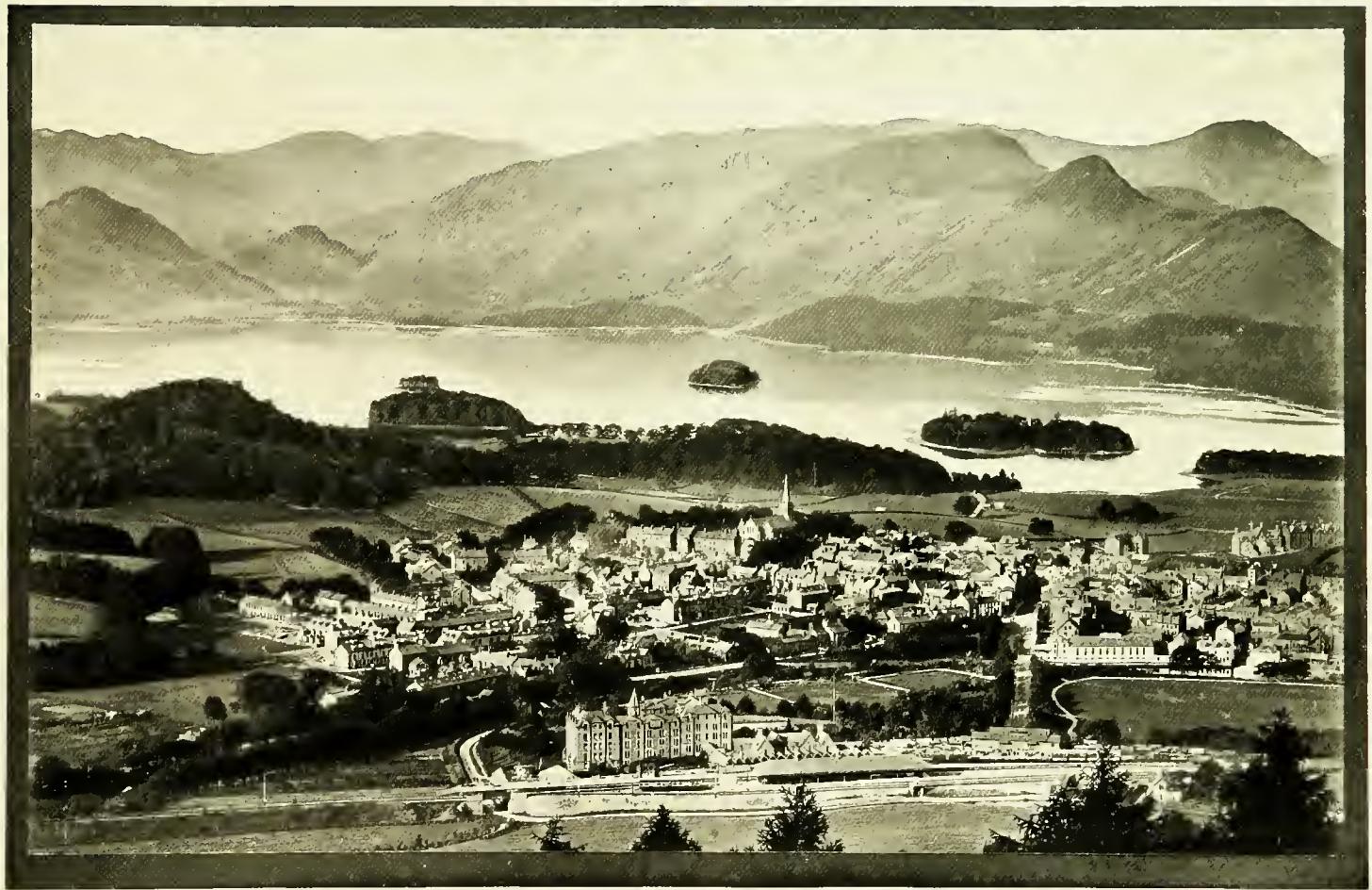
Dove Cottage, Grasmere

The home of William Wordsworth and his family from 1799 to 1808, after which it became for many years the residence of Thomas De Quincey.



Coaches descending Dunmail Raise

The high road between Keswick and Ambleside, or Windermere. On the top of the Raise is a huge pile of stones, marking the grave of Dunmail, the last of the Cumbrian kings.



Keswick and Derwentwater

Viewed from Latrigg, and looking south to Borrowdale and the highest English mountain, Scafell Pike (3210 feet), in the left background, with the peak of Catbells on the right.



Thirlmere and Helvellyn

Passed on the drive between Keswick and Windermere. Helvellyn is the second highest English mountain (3118 feet), and its top is the left hand of the two highest peaks shown in the picture.



The Head of Derwentwater

From Castle Hill, a quarter of an hour's walk from Keswick. Borrowdale and Scawfell Pike are well seen in the middle background; the islands, from left to right, are Rampsholme, Lord's Isle, and St. Herbert's Island.



— Friars' Crag, Derwentwater

The view from Friars' Crag is described by Ruskin as "one of the three most beautiful prospects in the world."



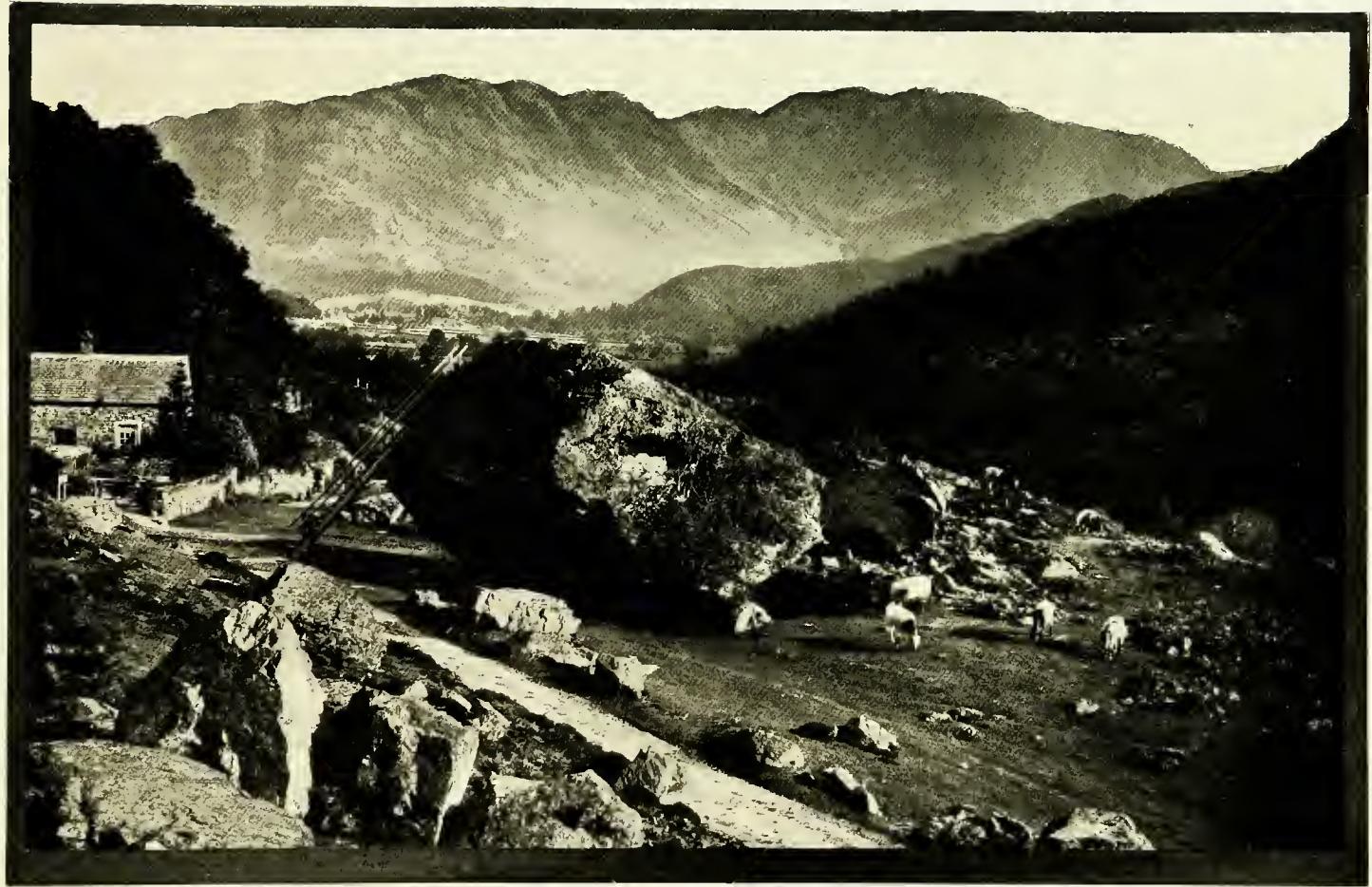
Derwentwater, looking North

On the right is the mountain Skiddaw (3054 feet), with Keswick at its foot, whilst in the distance is seen Bassenthwaite Lake.



Lodore Falls

Situated three miles from Keswick, and rendered famous by Southey in his poem, where he speaks of them as "Roaring and Pounding, Splashing and Dashing, Whitenning and Brightening," etc.



The Bowder Stone

And the valley of Borrowdale, with Glaramara mountain behind.



Honister Pass and Crag

The pass through which the coaches drive from Keswick to Buttermere on the Buttermere drive. The wildest coach road in Lakeland.



Buttermere and Crummock Water

From the top of Honister Crag, showing Loweswater in the distance.



Buttermere Lake

From Hassness, with Honister Crag on the left, and the coach road after emerging from Honister Pass.

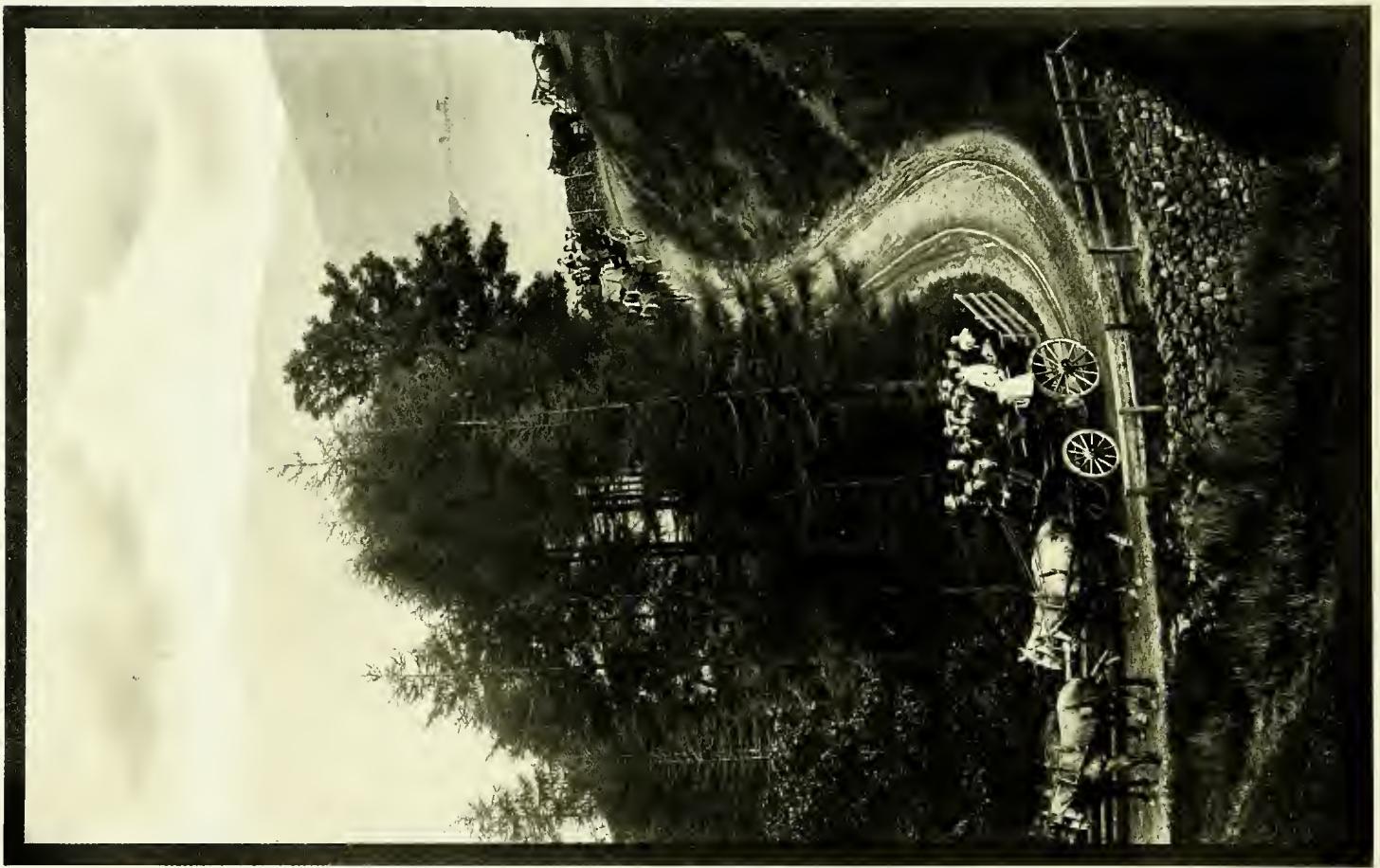


Crummock Water, and Whiteless Pike

The next lake to Buttermere. To it belongs the highest English waterfall, Scale Force, which is visited by crossing the lake from Buttermere Village.

"The Devil's Elbow"

A well-known bit of road, showing the coaches returning from Buttermere to Keswick, on the Buttermere drive.





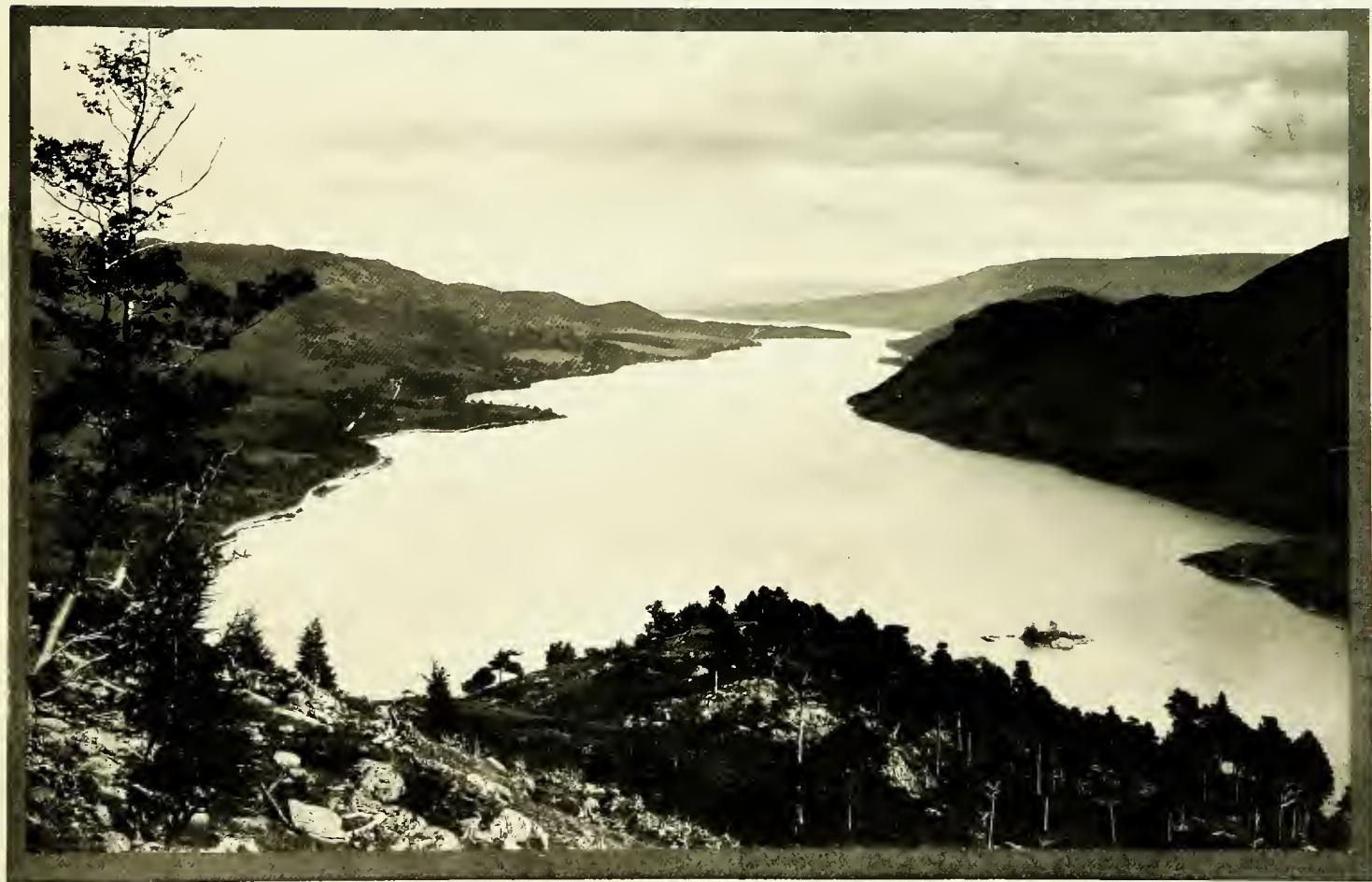
The Head of Ullswater

As seen from Place Fell, and looking across to Stybarrow Crag and Helvellyn, with the village and vale of Glenridding.



Ullswater

*From Silver Point, showing the head of the lake and St. Sunday's Crag, with Helvellyn to the right.
On the further shore is the village of Glenridding.*



— Ullswater

From Glencoin, showing the "three reaches" of the lake, and looking towards Penrith.



Ullswater from Gowbarrow Fell

*Showing the middle and upper reaches of the lake, with St. Sunday's Crag at the head.
Gowbarrow Park, in the foreground, now belongs to the National Trust.*



— Stybarrow Crag

And Ullswater, with Gowbarrow Fell in the background.



— Striding Edge, Helvellyn

One of the wildest bits of the Lake District. On the right is Red Tarn, and above it Swirrel Edge, the highest point seen being the top of Helvellyn.

